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Activities of Infiltrators in J.K.

307. DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infiltrators apprehended and killed in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) whether the number of incidents involving infiltrators has increased in Kashmir valley during the last six months;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor: and

(d) the steps taken to curb the activities of infiltrators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M JACOB): (a) to (d) A Statement is given below.

STATEMENT

The Government of J&K have advised that during the period from 1st January '91 to 30th June '91, 200 infiltrators/exfiltrators were apprehended and 133 were killed on border/LOC.

2. Despite intensified vigil on the borders, it has not been possible to completely stop the infiltration/exfiltration due to difficult mountainous terrain and long border.

3. Besides, stepping up vigil on the border, dusk to dawn curfew has been clamped in the 5 km. belt along the border and line of control, Intelligence set up has been beefed up. Disturbed Areas Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act have been enforced in the border districts and there is better co-ordination between the Army, Para military Forces and the State Police.

Loss Due to Heavy Snowfall

308 PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made as to the loss of life and property due to snowfall in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir during the month of January, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the Central assistance provided to these States so far to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The details of damage reported by the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir due to snowfall are as follows:—

(a) Uttar Pradesh :	12 human lives lost and 2 persons injured during January, 1991.
(b) Himachal Pradesh :	34 human lives lost, 2085 cattle lost and 4132 houses damaged during January, 1991.
(c) Jammu & Kashmir :	23 human lives lost, 5 persons injured, 15,733 houses, 106 house boats and 536 shops damaged during the winter of 1990-91.

(c) Under the present policy for financing the relief expenditure, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, 75% is contributed by the Central Government as a non-plan grant and balance 25% by the State Government from its own resources. This fund is utilised for financing the relief operations in the

wake of all natural calamities including snowfall. The State Level Committee is empowered to decide on all matters relating to financing of relief expenditure including norms of assistance. The States of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh have an allocation of Rs. 18.00, 12.00 and Rs. 90.00 crores respectively under CRF. The Central Government had released its entire share of CRF for 1990-91 by end of March, 1991. For 1991-92 also Central Government by now has released first two quarterly instalments.

Article 370 of the Constitution

309. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to repeal Article 370 of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

310. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) India's stand on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;

(b) whether the Government of any other country have approached the Government of India to sign this Treaty; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) India has not signed the Non-proliferation Treaty because that Treaty does not provide for a balance of obligations and responsibilities between the nuclear-weapon States and non-nuclear weapon States. Whereas the Treaty has no provisions for imposing non-proliferation obligations on the nuclear-weapon States, it places full scope safeguards and controls on the nuclear programmes of the non-nuclear weapon States. Thus, the Treaty is discriminatory and legitimises the possession of nuclear weapons by nuclear-weapon States.

(b) and (c) Some States have, from time to time, tried to persuade or pressurise us to change our position on the Non-proliferation Treaty; but India's stand on the NPT remains unchanged.

[*Translation*]

Issuance of Arm Licence

311. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any directions have been issued to the State Governments regarding issuance of arms licences;

(b) the norms recommended by the Union Government to the Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding issuance of arms licences;

(c) whether arms licences are being issued to the general public for their security; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of Arms Act, 1959 and the